

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above-identified patent application in view of the present amendment and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

The Examiner's cooperation during the telephone interview of April 27, 2006 is greatly appreciated.

Claim 16 has been rejected as indefinite. Claim 16 has been amended to overcome this rejection.

Claims 13-17 and 19 have been allowed. Claims 2, 4, 9, and 18 have been rejected. Claims 3 and 12 have been indicated as containing allowable subject matter.

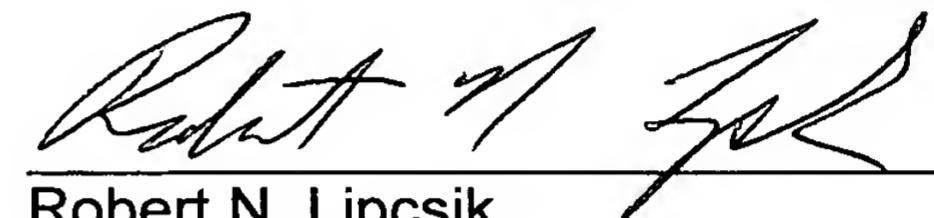
The allowable subject matter of claim 3 has been added to claim 18 and claim 3 has been canceled without prejudice.

Claim 18, as well as claims 2, 4, 9, and 12 which depend from claim 18, are in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing, allowance of the above-identified patent application is respectfully requested.

Please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment in the fees for this amendment to our Deposit Account No. 20-0090.

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